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- - 1. The following was related by an agent and active member of UDB (former CZMA) in Maribor who, when contacted, was in a Yugoslav camp in Austrian Styria: The Yugoslav Communist Party will continue sending troikas (cells of three persons) to the various Yugoslav camps in Austria. These individuals will be provided with cover and will-register under false names. Their task will be to plot attacks on Anglo-American authorities or persons and on members of UNRRA. Knives will be used to carry out these attacks to avoid the need for outside aid and the risk of being caught carrying arms. These attacks will be staged in a way to make the Yugoslav refugees appear responsible for them.
 - 2. No orders have as yet been given concerning attacks on Anglo-American military installations, and only preliminary instructions have been issued dealing particularly with the sending of arms, ammunition, and other necessary material. Veteran members of the Austrian Communist Party will take part in these sabotage attacks against military installations; new members will not participate.
 - 3. The following instructions were issued by the leader of the Yugoslav Communist Party responsible for Styria and Carinthia to all cells and party members:
 - a. The German minorities of the Balkan countries have lost all their property as well as their country. Close contact must be maintained with these elements and we must skillfully place the blame for the loss of country and personal property on the Anglo-Americans.
 - b. We must prove to the German minorities that their difficult and hopeless situation is due to Anglo-American pressure on Yugoslavia, and that it was the Anglo-Americans themselves who asked Yugoslavia to eliminate the German minority from the country and confiscate its property. We must also prove to these Volksdeutsche that Yugoslavia is looking after the minorities in spite of everything.
 - c. Those whom we succeed in convincing must be incorporated into the party at once and new cells must be created. Then our new comrades will be 25X1A informed of their duties and receive sabotage training; they will also be trained to attack the Anglo-Americans and their military installations. Thus the new recruits will be thoroughly involved and unable to disassociate themselves from their groups and their special activities. 25X1A2g

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- d. The entire responsibility for the conditions in the camps, such as bad food, isolation in separate camps, etc., must be systematically made to appear as the fault of the Anglo-Americans and the members of UNRRA.
- e. For this purpose, make use of selected members of the Yugoslav Communist Party and of comrades who belong to cells located in Styrie or Carinthia.
- f. Step up these activities.
- 4. For a certain period of time, the Yugoslav Communist Party, following orders received from Moscow, has conducted the communization of Austrian and German PW's in Yugoslavia; after their indoctrination they are sent into Austrian and German territory where they are to be used as agitators, propagandists, and militant supporters of the Communist ideology. For this purpose, a large quantity of Communist literature was received from the Soviet Union in PW camps in Yugoslavia. Inside these camps, "anti-Fascist committees" were created to reeducate the PW's. After six months of instruction, the graduates of these courses are sent home, where they receive orders from local organizations.
- 5. Toward the end of September 1945, reeducated former Austrian PW's were seen in the vicinity of Graz in Styrie. Two former PW's, who took the course in the belief that by so doing they would avoid being drafted for heavier work in the mines and elsewhere, were summoned by local officials (Communists) one month after their return and given certain tasks to perform. One of them was assigned to collecting information on persons in the Yugoslav border zone who are hostile to Federated Yugoslavia.

